

REMARKS

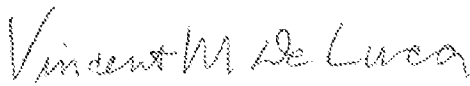
Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 22-30 remain pending in this application. The allowance of claims 1-10 and 25-30, and the indication that claims 12, 21 and 22 are directed to allowable subject matter, are acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 12, claim 13 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 21, and claims 12 and 18-21 accordingly have been cancelled.

Accordingly, with the amendment of all independent claims to include the subject matter of dependent claims indicated to be allowable, this application is now in immediate condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite conclusion of prosecution of this application.

Please charge any fee or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Novak Druce Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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